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The shear modulus ranges from $7.7 \times (10^3)$ psi. Poisson's ratio varies from 0.40 for unsaturated to 0.49 for saturated soil.

A method was presented to estimate moduli under the expected load from present unloaded in situ moduli values using the K2 parameter. An estimate of the moduli for the expected foundation load was presented for the upper 30 ft of the foundation. A comparison of the plate bearing test and seismic derived Young's modulus shows good agreement, $123 \times (10^3)$ psi and $78 \times (10^3)$ psi, respectively.

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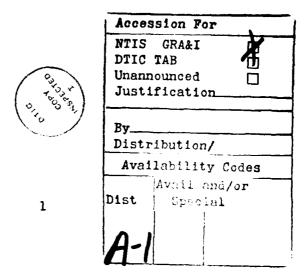
Preface

This report documents the foundation investigation conducted by the US Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES) for the Ground Based Radar Project at Kwajalein Island, US Army Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. The work was performed during the period 25 October through 3 November 1989 for the Engineering Division of the US Army Engineer Division, Pacific Ocean (POD), under IAO No. E87890083 POD MIL-R dated 8 Sep 89.

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Conversion Factors, Non-SI to SI (Metric) Units of Measurement

Non-SI units of measurements used in this report can be converted to SI (metric) units as follows:

Multiply	By	To Obtain
feet	0.3048	metres
feet per second	0.3048	metres per second
inches	2.54	centimetres
pounds (force) per		
square inch	6.894757	kilopascals
pounds (force) per	47.88026	pascals
square foot		•
pounds (mass) per	16.01846	kilograms per cubic metre
cubic foot		.
slugs (mass)	14.5939	kilograms
tons (force) per	95.76052	kilopascals
square foot		•

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Introduction

- 1. <u>Background</u>. The foundation investigation was performed adjacent to the Defense Control Center (DCC) building which is an existing structure on which a tower will be constructed to support a radar antenna. The existing building foundation needed to be evaluated to ensure that it would provide a stable foundation during the dynamic loading of this new antenna support system. Testing within the building itself was not possible; therefore, tests were conducted near the building in an area that was included in the earth berm surcharged foundation of the existing DCC building. It is assumed that site conditions at the test locations and beneath the building are virtually the same because of the proximity and similar preloading conditions.
- 2. <u>Purpose.</u> The purpose of this investigation was to assess the foundation materials at the site to a depth of 60 ft¹ by employing in situ geophysical and geotechnical methods. Geophysical methods were used to determine compression (P)- and shear (S)- wave velocities so that a velocity zonation of the foundation materials could be determined. For this study, a
- 1. A table of factors for converting non-SI to SI (metric) units of measurement is presented on page 6.

suite of seismic methods consisting of surface refraction, downhole, and crosshole tests were conducted to determine the above values. The geotechnical methods employed Standard Penetration Testing (SPT), density determinations, gradation, classification, and indexing tests of selected soil samples. Also, a Plate Bearing Test was performed at one location at the site. The geotechnical tests were performed by POD personnel. The SPT's and laboratory sample testing provided N-values, material classification and density of the foundation materials. Knowing this information the elastic constants Young's modulus (E), Shear modulus (G), and Poisson's ratio (3) can be determined for the foundation materials which are needed in the design of the antenna support structure. The plate bearing test provided an alternate method for an in situ determination of E.

Site Description

- 3. <u>General</u>. The location of this study was the US Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) which is located in the northern Marshall Islands in the west central Pacific Ocean. The site is located at the western end of Kwajalein Island adjacent to the western side of the DCC building, as shown in figure 1. The regional geology of the site is an island derived from the buildup of coral skeletons on the submerged rim of an extinct volcano. The topography is low and flat. The elevation (el²) of the site is approximately 8 ft above mean
- 2. All elevations are in feet and are referenced to mean sea level

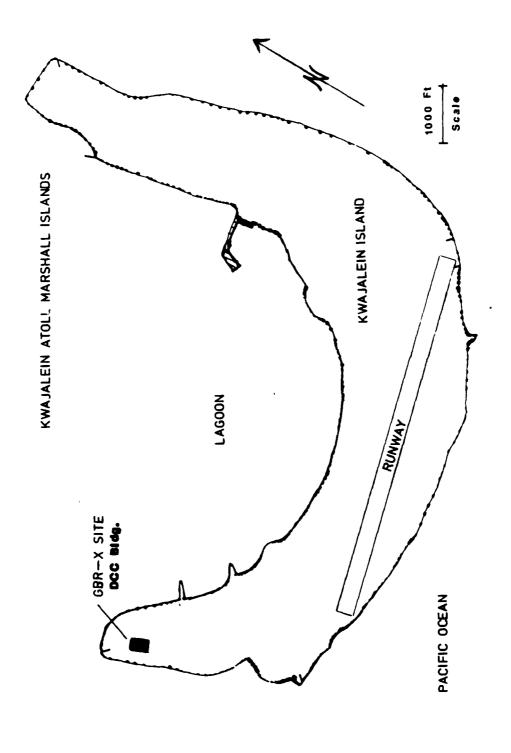


Figure 1. Site Location

sea level. The materials composing the subsurface are unconsolidated calcareous materials on a reef surface. The subsurface materials within the landmass are composed of unconsolidated limestone derived sediments of cobbles to silt sizes with a general USCS classification of SP. Also, the depth of the reef rock increases rapidly in the direction of the lagoon (US Army Engineers, 1989). This general geologic description of the site agrees well with the information derived from the borings drilled to accommodate the subsurface geophysical tests.

- 4. Foundation. The foundation at the site is composed of naturally occurring materials below a depth of 14 ft (el -6). These materials are composed of sands with silt and gravel with the occurrence of gravel increasing with depth. The boring logs contained no indication of coral limestone rock within the upper 60 ft. This information was obtained from the boring logs from holes BH-1, BH-2, and BH-3 which are included in Appendix A. A fill of beach sand was hydraulically placed to a height of 8 ft above the original island surface. This fill was surcharged with 8 ft of additional fill which was removed prior to start of construction. The water table is found at an average depth of 8 ft (el 0) and fluctuates $^{+}2$ ft with the tide.
- 5. <u>Idealization</u>. For clarity and use in engineering analysis it is necessary to idealize the foundation materials into discrete layers which will then be identified by material type. Material properties are assigned to each layer based upon the test results. The geological setting and construction

history of the site suggest idealization into four layers. The top layer consisting of fill will be variable and contain a shallow near surface zone of fill that may be disturbed and contain various construction materials buried during the construction and cleanup of the site in conjunction with the construction of the DCC building. This zone would then change into undisturbed hydraulic fill placed above the water table. A change in character of the fill placed below the water table might be evidenced and would be caused by the different placement conditions. Layer two would be the naturally occurring near surface ocean deposited beach materials. The third and fourth layers would consist of the coarser and more dense unconsolidated materials.

Test Program

6. The locations of tests performed during this investigation are shown in figure 2. All phases of the geophysical test program, except the crosshole S-wave test, were conducted according to Engineering Manual 1110-1-1802 guidelines (Department of the Army, 1979). The surface portion of the test program consisted of three seismic refraction lines (R1,R2,R3) in the vicinity of the plate bearing test location. Crosshole and downhole testing were performed near the DCC building in three boreholes (BH-1,2,3) spaced 10 ft and 5 ft apart, respectively, which were drilled to a depth of 60 ft. In addition to the geophysical tests employed in the completed boreholes, SPT and sampling were performed during the drilling operation.

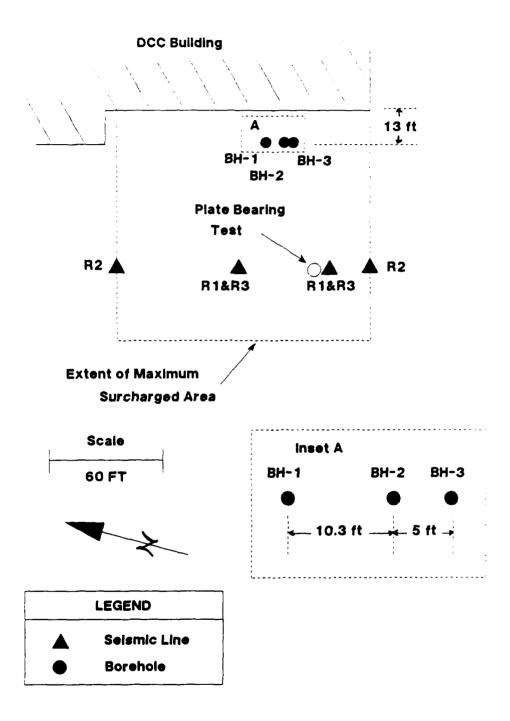


Figure 2. Test Layout

Geophysical Tests Procedures

7. <u>Crosshole</u>. In preparation for the crosshole testing, 8-in. diameter boreholes were drilled to the 60-ft depth. These holes were then cased with schedule 40 4-in. ID PVC pipe with the annular space between the borings and casings grouted with a material that approximates the consistency of soil when it sets. The vertical alignment of each borehole was checked to see if there was any appreciable drift since accurate reduction of the crosshole data requires that the straight-lined distance be known between source and receiver at each test elevation. The S-wave test procedure consisted of placing a downhole triaxial geophone array in the receiver hole(s) and a downhole electrically powered vibrator in the source hole. The vibrator is frequency and duration controlled and produces a repeatable and vertically polarized shear (SV) -wave which allows accurate arrival time determination. The source and receiver(s) were lowered to the same depth in a borehole set (one boring for the source and two borings for the receivers) and clamped to the casing walls using inflatable bladders or pneumatically powered rams. The vibrator frequency was varied between 50 and 500 Hz using a four cycle burst mode and monitored until an optimal frequency was found that propagated well at that depth. The source waveform and the received waveform were recorded using a digital seismograph. The data were stacked (enhanced) until a well defined waveform was produced. For the P-wave test, the seismic source was an exploding bridgewire (EBW) detonator which was sufficiently strong in energy that data stacking was not necessary. Several different test configurations

were employed in the test program that are tabulated in figure 3. Knowing the distance between the source and receiver and the P- and S- wave arrival times at each test depth, an analysis of these data sets was made with the aid of a computer program "CROSSHOLE" (Butler et al, 1978). This program calculates true P- and S-wave velocities and determines velocity zones and depths to interfaces.

8. Downhole. The downhole test is similar to the crosshole test except the source is kept at the surface while the receiver array is lowered in a boring at 5-ft intervals. The source for the S-wave test is a hammer striking a wooden plank on alternate ends, which produces two records. The seismic signals produced by this procedure are predominantly horizontally polarized S-waves, with polarity depending on the direction of the hammer strike. The signals detected by the horizontal geophones on these two records are overlain and examined for a polarity reversal which is considered the arrival of the S-wave. The P-wave source for this test was a downward hammer blow to a steel plate with the vertical geophone signal being used to determine the P-wave arrival. The data are reduced by plotting arrival times versus slant distance between source and receiver. The inverse slope of the line segments drawn through the data points gives the velocities and slope changes in the line segments indicate the approximate depths where the velocities change. The various test configurations used in this study are shown in figure 3.

TEST CONFIGURATIONS

BOREHOLE TESTS

TEST	CONFIGURATION	TEST INTERVAL		
	BH-1 BH-2 BH-3			
CROSSHOLE P-WAVE	⊝ 10.3′ ⊝ 5′ ⊕	5 FT		
CROSSHOLE S-WAVE	0 0 •	2.5 FT		
CROSSHOLE S-WAVE	o • o	5 FT		
DOWNHOLE P-WAVE	0 🛦 0	5 FT		
DOWNHOLE P-WAVE	$\circ_{\blacktriangle}\circ$	5 FT		
DOWNHOLE S-WAVE		5 FT		

SURFACE TESTING

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geoph	one spacing, ft	2,2,2,2	,2,2,5,5,5,5	5,5,5				
R2	\triangle	0 0	0 0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
			42 ft —					
geoph	one spacing, ft	2,2,2,2	,2,2,3,5,5,5	,5,5				
R3	A OO O	0 0	0 0	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
			40 ft —					

O Receiver

Downhole source

▲ Surface Source

Figure 3. Test Configurations

9. Surface seismic refraction. The procedure for the surface refraction tests was to place geophones along a straight line on the ground surface at selected intervals with an energy source initiated at a selected offset distance from each end of the geophone array. Two types of surface tests were performed which consisted of a P-wave and S-wave test. Lines R1 and R2 were P-wave tests and line R3 was a S-wave test. The energy sources for these tests were identical to the ones used for the downhole P- and S-wave tests. The test configuration for each line is shown in figure 3. The data reduction consisted of plotting first arrival time of the P- and S-wave signal detected at each geophone versus geophone distance from the source. From these time versus distance (TD) plots, velocities and depths to refracting interfaces were determined using the computer program "SEISMO" (Yule and Sharp, 1989).

Geotechnical Test Results

10. Soil classification and density. Analysis of the soil sampling data has produced a four layer profile interpretation which is illustrated in figure 4. The first layer of fill material is a medium dense to dense poorly sorted sand (SP) with zones of silty sand and some cobbles and gravel. This layer extends to a depth of 13 ft. The second layer begins with the original soil deposit. This layer is a medium dense silty, very fine grained sand (SM) which can be found between 14 and 19 ft in depth (el -6 to -11). The third

SOIL PROFILE

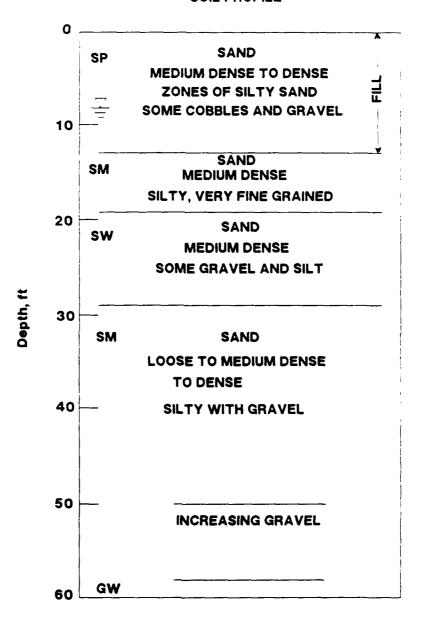


Figure 4. Soil Profile

layer is a medium dense well graded sand with some silt and gravel that ends at a depth of 29 ft (el -21). The fourth layer is a loose to medium dense to dense silty sand with an increasing gravel content below 50 ft (el -42).

- 11. Density determinations of samples above the water table in the fill layer show an average moist unit weight of 100 lb/ft^3 and a water content of 11 percent. The specific gravity of the solids was measured to be 2.8. These results were used to estimate a total unit weight of the soil below the water table of 120 lb/ft^3 . Detailed information of the testing program and individual sample test results can be found in the boring logs, Appendix A.
- 12. SPT. The SPT's performed in boreholes BH-1,2,and 3 are presented in figure 5 as two plots of N-values versus depth. The recorded SPT data can be found in the boring logs, Appendix A. The leftmost plot presents the raw or measured blowcounts. In the next plot, the $(N1)_{60}$ value corresponding to each measured N-value is shown. The $(N1)_{60}$ value is determined by adjusting the observed N-value to an equivalent N-value had the test been conducted at a vertical effective overburden stress of 1 ton/ft² at an energy level of 60 percent of the theoretical maximum applied energy of the drop weight. The SPT's from this project were performed using the rope and cat-head system which operates at the 60 percent energy level. Determining an equivalent $(N1)_{60}$ blowcount allows the results to be compared with other equivalent $(N1)_{60}$ values and, therefore, established correlations of relative density can

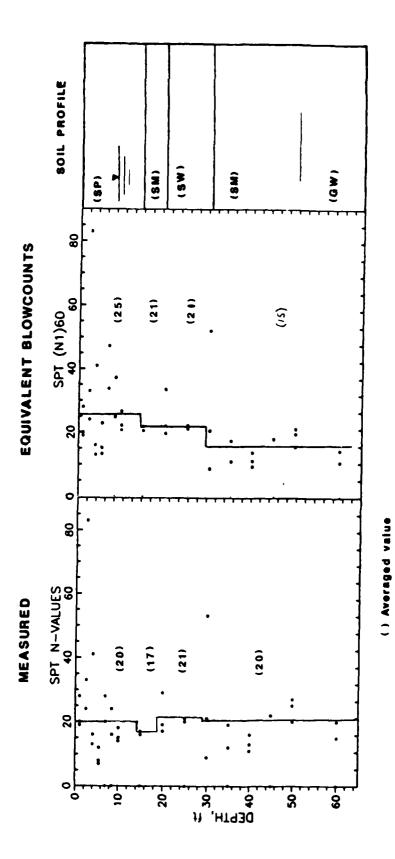


Figure 5. Standard Penetration Test Results

be used to estimate these parameters for the soil at the site. The $(N1)_{60}$ was obtained by multiplying the measured blow counts by the correction factor Cn, which was determined from the curves presented in figure 6. The vertical effective stress was calculated using a total unit weight of 100 lb/ft^3 for the soil above the water table and a saturated unit weight of 120 lb/ft^3 for soil below the water table. A depth to the water table of 8 ft was used in these calculations.

13. The SPT data show considerable scatter especially near the surface. The average measured and average equivalent $(N1)_{60}$ blowcounts are annotated in figure 5 and in table 1 for each soil layer. These representative values for each layer are plotted as vertical lines on the plots. Using the $(N1)_{60}$ values and the correlation curve for sands given in figure 7, estimates of the relative density of the sands at the site were determined and listed in table 1. A site global average $(N1)_{60}$ value of 22 is appropriate for the sands and correlates to sand with a relative density of 65 percent.

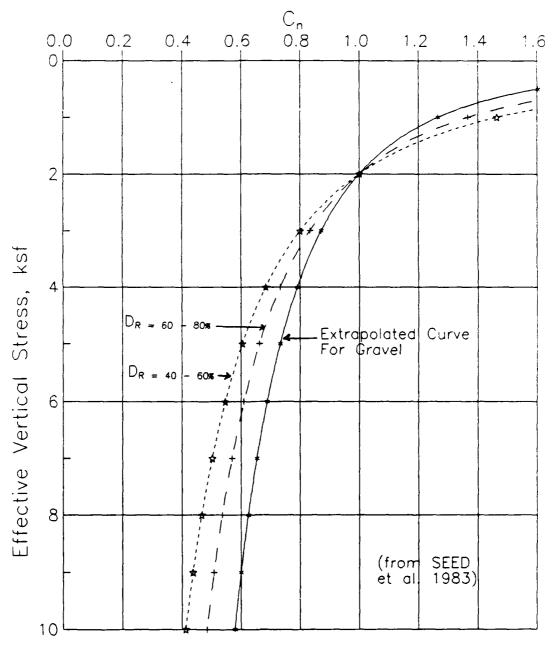


Figure 6. C_n Curves Used to Convert N to N_1

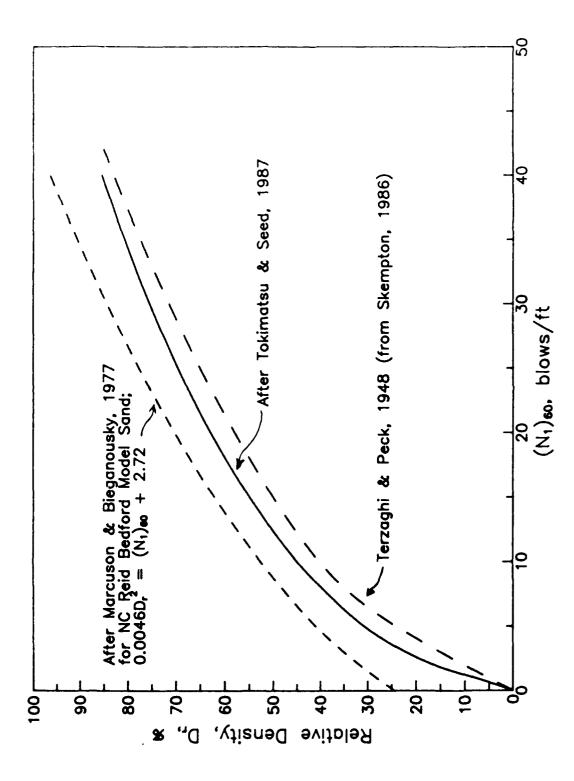


Figure 7. Relationship Between Relative Density and $\left(\mathrm{NI}\right)_{60}$ of Sands

Table 1. SPT Test Results

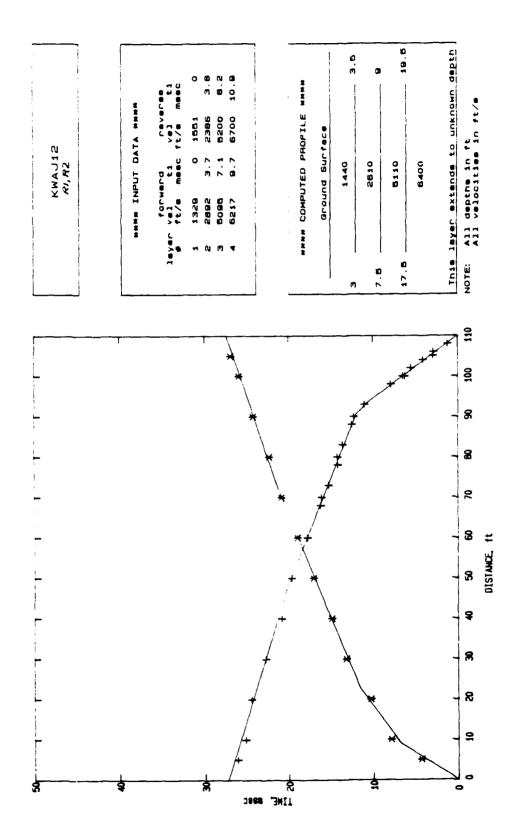
Layer	Aver	age	Relative Density,%		
	N(measured)	(N1) ₆₀	(based on figure 7) Tokimatsu & Seed 1987)	1	
			; ************************************		
1	20	25	67		
2	17	21	64		
3	21	21	64	į	
4	20	15	55		

14. Plate Bearing Test. A Plate Bearing Test was conducted at one location and consisted of static and cyclic tests on a 26.6- in. square steel plate. The testing elevation was 1 ft below the existing grade (el 7). The complete description of these tests and their results are presented in Appendix B. For the static plate bearing test, a maximum load of 34.9 lb/in. was applied. Based upon this test, a modulus of soil reaction of 340 lb/in. was determined. The cyclic plate bearing test was performed with a 19.3 lb/in. static load and a cyclic load of 5 lb/in. From this test an E of 123.6x(10³) lb/in. was determined. This computation is presented in Appendix B.

Geophysical Test Results

Surface Seismic Refraction

- 15. P-wave Tests R1 and R2. The results from P-wave surface refraction lines R1 and R2 are shown in figure 8. The R2 line was configured to investigate the near-surface materials; whereas, the longer R1 line was employed to investigate to deeper strata. The two overlapping data sets were combined to provide a detailed interpretation. From this composite TD plot a four layer seismic profile was indicated. A cross section is also shown in figure 8 with the depths to interfaces and velocities presented. The calculated depths at each end of the line indicate very little dipping of the layers in this a in Layers one and two with velocities of 1,440 ft/sec and 2,610 ft/sec, respectively, correspond to the fill materials above the water table. The third layer with a velocity of 5,110 ft/sec is the saturated fill material. This result shows the "seismic" water table to be at an average depth of 8.0 ft (el 0). The fourth layer detected at a depth of 17-19 ft (el -9 to -11) has a velocity of 6,400 ft/sec and corresponds to the saturated well sorted sands approximately 6 ft below the bottom of the fill.
- 16. <u>S-wave Test R3.</u> Results from the surface shear wave refraction line R3 are not presented because the P-wave arrivals were so strong that the S-wave arrivals could not be accurately identified and analyzed.



Surface Seismic Refraction Test Results Lines Rl and R2 Figure 8.

Crosshole and Downhole Surveys

17. <u>S-wave.</u> The results of the crosshole shear wave test are presented in figure 9. A plot of averaged velocities for all the tests versus depth shows a steady increase in velocity with depth except for an inversion zone between 8 and 21 ft (el 0 to el -13). This data set was divided into seven velocity zones which adequately defines this trend. The interpreted layers and velocities are presented in table 2. The downhole S-wave test results shown in figure 10, agree well with the crosshole tests. For the downhole test, the weakness of the shear waves propagating through the deeper material made the data difficult to analyze below a depth of 30 ft (el -22).

Table 2. Interpreted Layers and S-wave Velocities

Crosshole <u>Shear Wave</u>	Down ⊃le <u>Shear Wave</u>			
Interface Velocity	Interface Velocity			
Depth (el),ft fps	Depth (el),ft fps			
600	630			
8 (0)	6 (2)			
470	480			
13 (-5) 530	11 (-3)			
21 (-13)	19 (-11)			
38 (-30)	720			
48 (-40)				
56 (-48) 940				

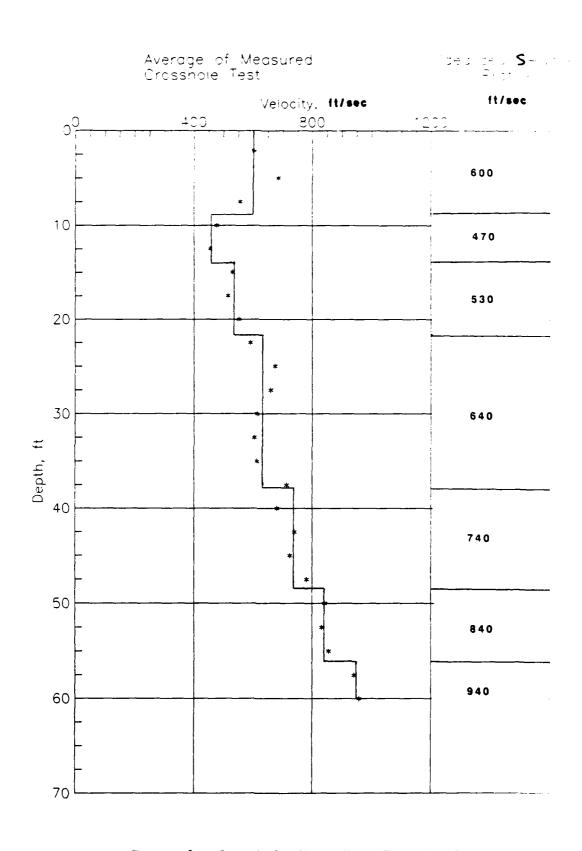


Figure 9. Crosshole Shear Wave Test Results

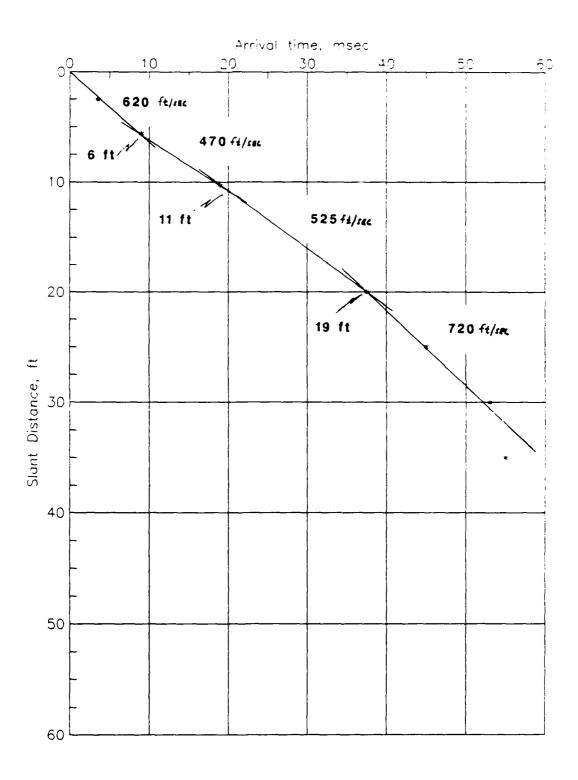


Figure 10. Downhole Shear Wave Test Results

18. P-wave. The results from the crosshole P-wave test indicate a five layer system, with the interpreted velocities and interfaces shown in table 3 and figure 11. Again, the velocities show a general increasing trend with increasing depth. The results of the downhole P-wave test are presented in figure 12. The downhole test shows an increasing velocity with depth profile which is also presented in table 3. The crosshole, downhole, and surface seismic tests show good agreement in the interpreted velocities and interfaces of the soil layers.

Table 3. Crossi <u>P-W</u> a	nole	Downh	and P-wave Velocities Downhole <u>P-Wave</u>			
Interface	Velocity	Interface	Velocity			
Depth (el),	ft fps	Depth (el),ft	fps			
	1500		1265 .			
5 (3)		5 (3)				
	2150		3400			
9 (-1)		8 (0)				
	5200		5000			
15 (-7)		. 15 (-7)				
	6200		6280			
20 (-12) .						
	6600					
60 (-52) .						

Interpretation

19. To make a meaningful interpretation of the results from the different tests into a generalized profile for the site, the data were first compared among the different tests at the same locations and then the

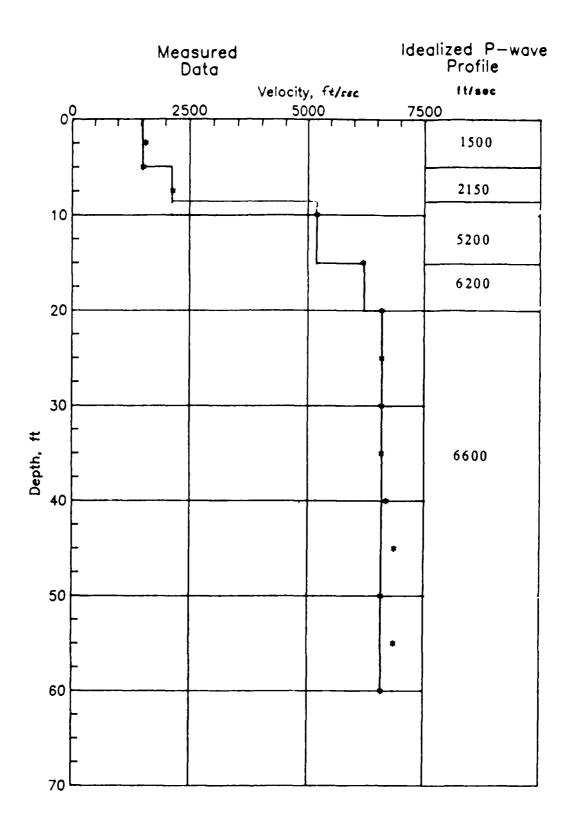


Figure 11. Crosshole Compression Wave Test Results

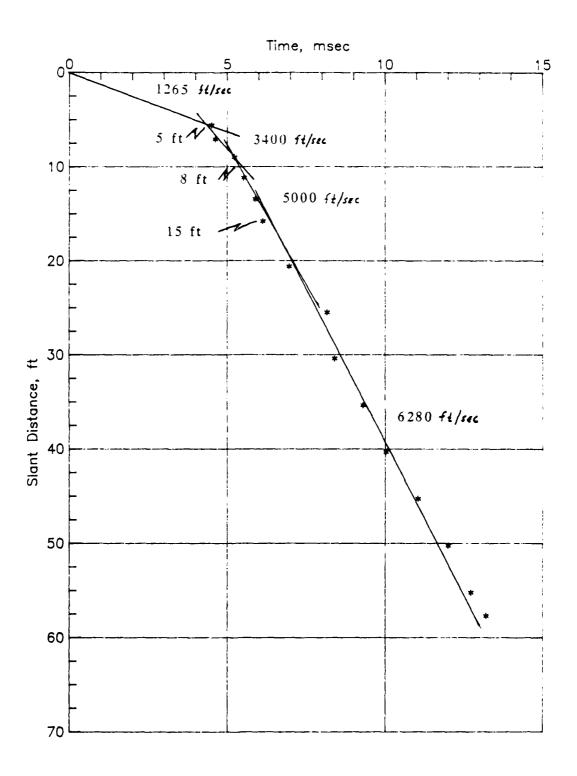


Figure 12. Composite Downhole Compression Wave Test Results

data sets were compiled into a composite profile. From these comparisons the results were analyzed and the idealized P- and S- wave velocity profiles were developed. These profiles are presented in figure 13 along with the four layer profile developed from the soil samples. The first layer of fill has a P-wave velocity range of 1,500 to 5,200 ft/sec with the 5,200 ft/sec interface being the top of the water table at a depth of 8 ft (el 0). This layer had a S-wave velocity range of 470 to 600 ft/sec. The fill showed an inversion in the S-wave velocity starting at the top of the water table. This inversion zone continues downward and includes layer two which is the beginning of the original soil deposit. However, this layer shows an increase in S-wave velocity to 530 ft/sec. This inversion zone was given a S-wave velocity of 510 ft/sec, weighted average of the 470 ft/sec and 530 ft/sec layers, for use in later soil modulus calculations. Layer 2 did not show an inversion in P-wave velocity which was measured to be 6,200 ft/sec because of the material being saturated. The third layer had a P-wave velocity of 6,600 ft/sec and a S-wave velocity of 640 ft/sec. The fourth layer had a P-wave velocity of 6,600 ft/sec and a range of S-wave velocities from 640 to 940 ft/sec. In general, the raw seismic data showed a some scatter which was also evidenced in the measured SPT values. These similar results suggest that the scatter in the data is mainly related to the soil nonhomogenity and therefore the velocities and properties reported are averages for the soil at depths tested with higher and lower actual values existing depending on test location.

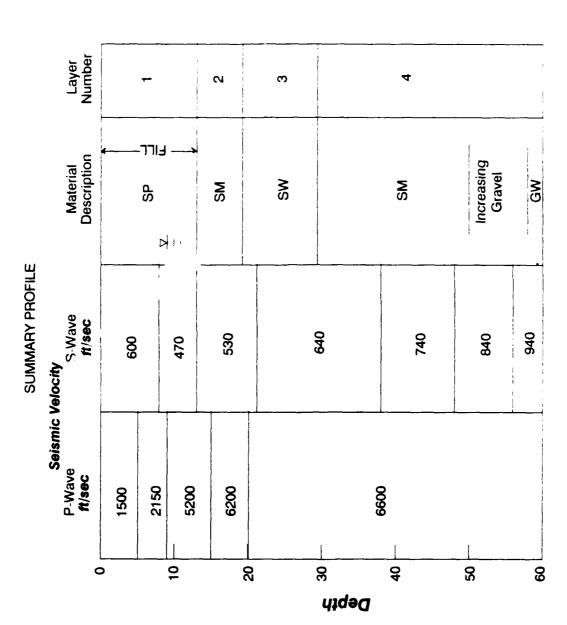


Figure 13. Composite Compression and Shear Wave Site Profile

Determination of Soil Material Parameters

20. <u>Determination of Shear Modulus</u>. Assuming an infinite, homogenous, isotropic, elastic medium, and solving the equations of wave motion for a shear wave, which is a wave confined to motion in a plane in the direction of propagation, results in Equation 1 (Richart et al, 1970).

$$V_S = \sqrt{G/\rho}$$
 (1)

where

Vs = S-wave velocity ft/sec

 $G = \text{shear modulus}, lbs/ft^2$

 ρ = mass density of Soil, slugs/ft

 δ_7 = total unit weight of soil, lbs/ft³

g = gravitational constant, ft/s²

This equation states that S-wave velocity is dependent on the ratio of the shear modulus to the mass density of the medium. For this particular site a total unit weight of 100 lb/ft^3 was used for unsaturated soil and 120 lbs/ft^3

for saturated soil. The unit weight was converted to mass density; and, with the appropriate shear wave velocities substituted into Equation 1, the shear moduli, G, were computed. The results are tabulated in figure 14.

21. <u>Determination of Poisson's ratio</u>. Again, assuming an elastic medium, if the compression- and shear- wave velocities are known, Poisson's ratio,), can be determined from the ratio of these velocities, Equation 2. This relation is given below in Equation 3 (Department of the Army, 1967). The ratios were calculated using equation 2 and then used in expression 3 with the results of these calculations presented in figure 14.

$$V_R = V_P/V_S$$
 (2)

$$\gamma = \frac{V_R^2 - 2}{2(V_R^2 - 1)} \tag{3}$$

Vp = P-wave velocity, ft/sec

Vs - S-wave velocity, ft/sec

v = Poisson's ratio

22. Determination of Young's and constrained moduli. Young's modulus, E, relates the stress to the resulting strain when a uniform stress is applied to plane sections of a body perpendicular to the applied force with the lateral surfaces free from constraint. The measurement of the velocity of this dilational (P-) wave through the body results in a "rod" velocity which with a value of the body's density, E can be determined directly (Kolsky, 1963).

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Figure 14. Soil Moduli and Parameters

However, with in situ seismic testing the measured P-wave is related to the constrained modulus, M, and the body's density as a result of the different boundary conditions that exist for this type testing. The constrained modulus is so named because the lateral sides are constrained which more closely match the conditions present in an in situ seismic velocity measurement. Knowing either Young's modulus or the constrained modulus the other can be derived using the body's Poisson's ratio. In this study, the shear modulus and Poisson's ratio were determined, and then the soil's Young's modulus, E, was calculated using Equation 4. The constrained modulus, M, was determined using Equation 5. These calculated modulus values are shown in figure 14.

$$E = 2(1+v)G \tag{4}$$

$$M = \frac{E(1+v)}{(1+v)(1-2v)}$$
 (5)

Procedure For Estimating Moduli at Different Confining Stresses

- 23. General. For engineering use it is necessary to determine soil moduli for the expected load magnitudes and loading conditions of the planned structure. These moduli can be arrived at using two approaches given that certain in situ properties are known. The first method involves selecting properties at a depth in which the overburden pressure is equal to the expected load of the structure (Department of Army, 1967). This method assumes that the soil is homogenous throughout the soil profile which encompasses the depth of the structure and the needed depth of soil to equal the structure's load. An alternative method allows an empirical constant, K2, to be determined for different layers in the profile and gives the advantage of using soil parameters that can vary in depth and therefore model the soil more precisely at the proper depth.
- 24. <u>Determination of K2 Values</u>. Investigators have shown that for sands shear modulus values are strongly influenced by the confining pressure, void ratio or relative density, and strain amplitude (Seed et al, 1970). For the case of low amplitude strains < 5x(10⁻⁴), which is the range of in situ seismic wave velocity measurements, a Gmax is determined, and the resulting coefficient in equation 6, K2, is a K2max, which is also applicable to elastic response loading conditions. It should be further noted that these field

velocities are determined from total stress conditions which means that the moduli are for undrained loading conditions. The expression that relates

Gmax to these factors is given in Equation 6.

G = 1000 K2
$$\sqrt{\sigma m'}$$
 (6)
where
$$\frac{\pi m' = \frac{1}{3} (\sigma_i' + \sigma_2' + \sigma_3')}{= \frac{1}{3} (\sigma_i' + 2 \kappa_0 \sigma_i')}$$
= 0.633 σ_i'

Gmax - low strain amplitude shear modulus

K2 = empirical proportionality constant relating Gmax to $\sqrt{\sigma_m}$

It can be seen that the relational factor K2 can be determined from data at hand as a function of depth for the soil profile. These resulting K2's can be averaged within each layer with the resulting average K2 assigned to that zone of material. This assigned K2 can then be used to estimate shear moduli at

selected confining stresses at any point in the profile by use of Equation 6.

Table 4 given below is derived from data given in Seed et al. (1970) and can
be used to estimate relative density for sands from K2 values.

Table 4.
Estimating Relative Density of Sands from K2 Values

Relat	ive Density %	к2
Loose	30	34
Medium	40 45 60	40 43 52
Dense	75	61
Very Dense	90	70

25. The calculated K2's for each depth increment in the soil profile are given in figure 14. A value of Ko=0.45 was assumed in determining the mean effective confining pressure.

26. Soil Moduli Determinations. The use of the K2 parameter to estimate soil moduli for various loading conditions can be illustrated using this procedure to compare the moduli derived from the seismic and plate bearing tests. The moduli for the expected load was calculated using the sum of the static plus one-half of the cyclic plate bearing loads $(3,140 \text{ lbs/ft}^2)$ as the vertical effective stress. The in situ moduli from the seismic results were obtained from the same test elevation as the plate bearing test. These same calculations were repeated to a depth of 30 ft (el -22). A table of moduli values for this applied load to a depth of 30 ft and a comparison of Young's modulus between the seismic and plate bearing tests are presented in figure 15. The results from the seismic tests estimate a lower E than the plate bearing test results. The seismic results are strongly dependent on the magnitude of the S-wave velocity. The reported S-wave velocity of 600 ft/sec is a conservative average; however, if a velocity of 720 ft/sec is used, the agreement is much closer. This velocity is a raw average of all S-wave data at a depth of 2.5 ft. This result is also presented in figure 15 for comparison.

SOIL MODULI ESTIMATIONS

DEPTH ft	LOAD lb/ft²	К2	Poisson's ratio	G*	E* lb/in²
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COMPARISON OF MODULI DETERMINATIONS

Source	Load K2 lb/ft ²	Poisson's ratio	G	E lb/in².	M
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Figure 15. Comparison of Moduli Determinations from Seismic and Plate Bearing Test Methods

Conclusions

- 27. From the data that have been presented the following general conclusions are made.
- a. The site can be divided into the following zones with material classifications and characteristic P- and S-wave velocities as follows:

Material	P-wave	S-wave
	(ft/sec)	(ft/sec)
Layer 1: sand fill	ì	1
SP	1500 ¹ - 5200 ²	470 - 600
Layer 2: sand, silty		
SM	5200 - 6200	530
Layer 3: sand, fine		I
SW	6600	640
Layer 4: sand, silty		
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SM	6600	640 - 940

¹unsaturated ²saturated

b. The SPT test results show that the measured N-values have considerable scatter especially in the upper 10 ft at the site. The scatter is probably due to the naturally occurring gravel and cobbles that were in layer one and buried construction materials in the near surface. The average

equivalent $(N1)_{60}$ blowcount for the fill is 25 with the original sands between 14 and 29 ft in depth (el -6 to -21) having a value of 21. The sands below a depth of 29 ft (el -21) show a decrease in the $(N1)_{60}$ blowcount to a value of 15. A global site value for the sands would be 22 which corresponds to a medium dense sand.

- c. The Shear and Young's moduli and Poisson's ratio have been determined for each test depth and tabulated in figure 14. These parameters have been grouped according to idealized layers and presented in figure 16. Throughout the entire profile the shear modulus ranges from $7.7 \times (10^3)$ lbs/in² at the surface to $22 \times (10^3)$ lbs/in² at a depth of 60 ft. Young's modulus varies from $22 \times (10^3)$ lbs/in² at the surface to $66 \times (10^3)$ lbs/in² at the bottom of the profile. The unsaturated materials near the surface have a Poisson's ratio of 0.40 with the saturated materials below the water table having an expected value of 0.49. There exists a zone between 10 and 20 ft in depth (el -2 to -12) where the moduli decrease due to the inversion in the S-wave velocity profile at these depths.
- d. A K2 parameter was calculated for each test depth and an average K2 assigned to zones in the profile and shown in figures 14 and 16. Layer one has a K2 of 68 in the upper 7 ft and 33 for the remainder. The second layer also has a K2 value of 33. The upper 2 feet of layer three has a K2 of 33 which increases to 42 below that depth. The fourth layer ranges from a K2 of 42 at a depth of 29 ft (el -21) to a K2 of 65 at a depth of 60 ft (el -52).

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Figure 16. Summary of Soil Moduli and Parameters

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- e. The K2 parameter was used to estimate moduli for a load of 3,140 lbs/ft^2 and then compared with the plate bearing test results. The plate bearing test estimates an E of 123,000 lbs/in^2 which is higher than the E of 78,000 lbs/ft^2 derived from the K2 parameter.
- f. Comparing the relative densities of the sands at the site using correlations based on calculated K2 values and $(N1)_{60}$ blowcounts shows good agreement except that the K2 derived relative density estimates are lower for the sands between the 10 and 30 ft depth range (el -2 to 22). These relative density estimates are shown in figure 16.

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APPENDIX A

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Project Name: SBR-X

Project Location: KWAJALEIN ISLAND

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Orill Company: FAR EAST DISTRICT

Drill Rig: CME-55 Inspector: OKADA

Casing Septh (ft): NA Core Recovery (I): NA

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Project Number: KM0190
Boring Number: 8-2
Project Name: 6BR-I
Project Location: KMAJALEIN ISLAND
Top of Hole (elev): 8.5' MSL
North: 3,165,690
East: 1,694,282

Completion Date: 24 OCT 1989

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Project Mase: 68R-1

Project Location: KWAJALEIN ISLAND

Depth to Water (ft): 8.0

Drill Company: FAR EAST DISTRICT Drill Rig: CME-55 Inspector: CKADA

Casing Depth (ft): NA

Core Recovery (X): NA

Project Number: (NO190

Boring Mumber: 8-3 Project Name: 6BR-1

Project Location: KWAJALEIN ISLAND

Top of Hote (elev): 9.5' MSL

North: 3,165,687 East: 1,694,284

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Project Location: #WAJALEIN ISLAND

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Orill Company: FAR EAST DISTRICT Orill Rig: CME-55 Inspector: OKADA

Core Recovery (1): NA

Casing Depth (ft): NA

Project Number: (M0190

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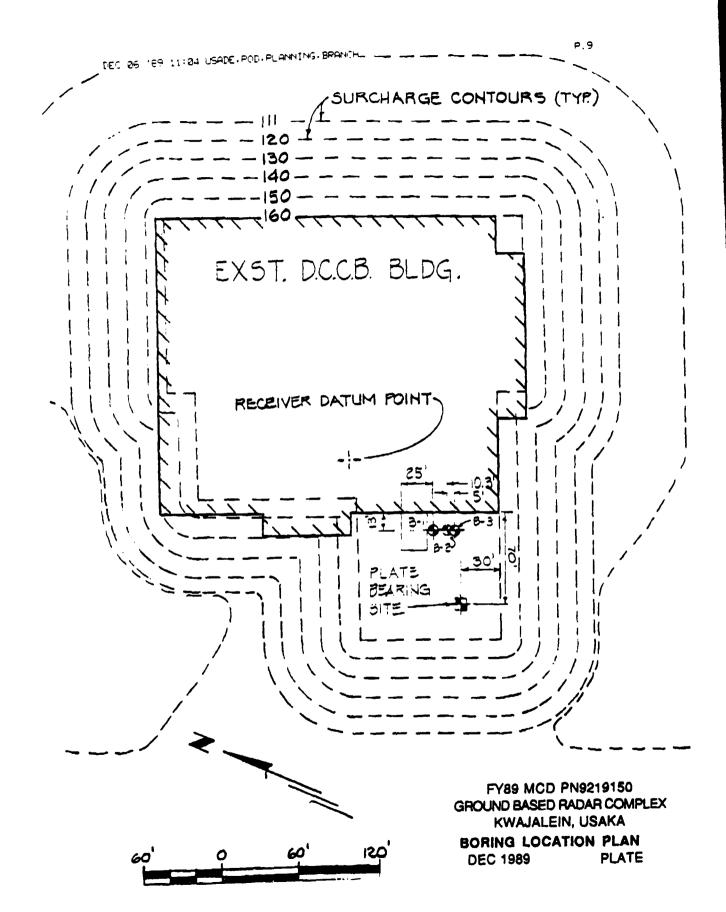
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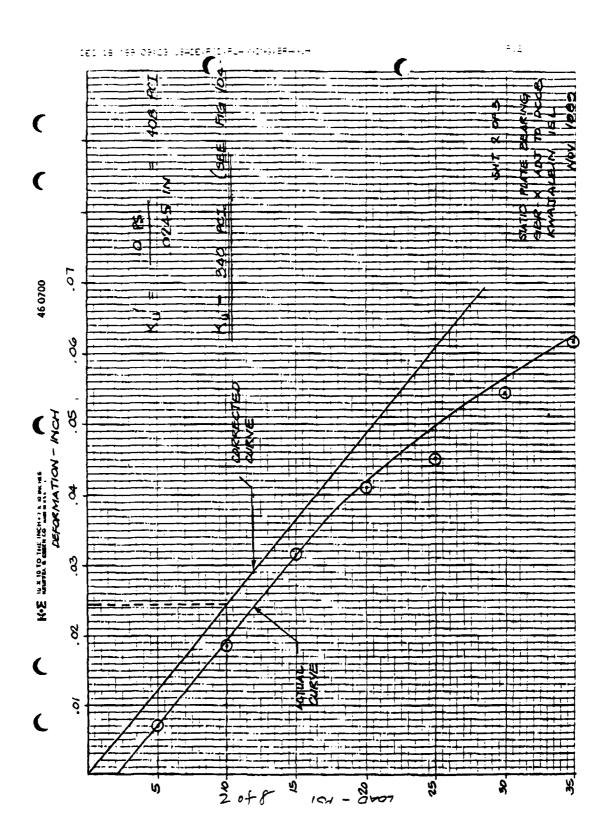
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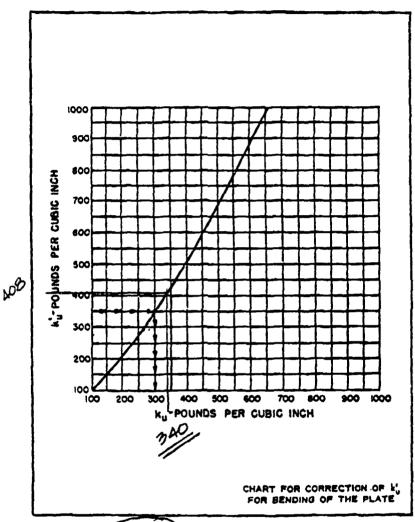


Figure 104-8. Correction of Wa for bending of the plate.

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